

REPEAL OF THE DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM (DRP)

ALL ABOUT DRP SURCHARGES, LICENSE SUSPENSION, FINES AND PAYMENTS

Effective September 1, 2019, all Driver Responsibility Program surcharge suspensions will end. After September 1, 2019 all surcharge assessments will be waived and no future surcharges will be assessed. You will still be responsible for any other suspensions, fines or fees on your driving record. Failure to appear is **not** related to surcharges. Under the Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay Program, the Department of Public Safety may deny the renewal of a driver license if you have failed to appear for a citation or failed to satisfy a judgment ordering the payment of a fine. Your driver license may be denied renewal until the reported citations or violations are cleared and reported by the court(s) to the Department. You are encouraged to visit the FTA website and check to make sure you don't have any outstanding cases that could prevent your license from being renewed. The online address is www.texasfailuretoappear.com/search.php

SURCHARGES

After September 1, 2019 all surcharge assessments will be waived and no future surcharges will be assessed thereafter. The DRP program is repealed **on** September 1, 2019. You are still required to pay your surcharge installment payments until that date to avoid having your driving privileges suspended. If you defaulted on your installment plan, you will still owe the surcharge and will remain suspended until September 1, 2019 unless you comply with your installment agreement.

LICENSE SUSPENSION

You will still be responsible for any other suspensions, fines or fees on your driving record. Previous surcharge related suspensions will not be deleted from your driving history. Suspensions that resulted from surcharges while the DRP was in effect will remain. If you received a DRP points advisory/suspension notice, the Department of Public Safety will no longer assess DRP points for moving violations. Any previously assessed points have been removed from your record. If your driver license has expired more than two years or you have never had a Texas license, you may need to provide documents required under federal and state law to prove your citizenship/lawful presence, identity, proof of social security number and residency. A list of required documents can be found at: www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-15.pdf

If your Texas license has been expired less than two years, you may be eligible to replace it online at www.texas.gov. If your driving privileges are currently suspended for surcharges you will not be able to complete this replacement until September 1, 2019.

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DL/ID number, date of birth, and the last four digits of your social security number. Please be aware driver records update on a daily basis. The information on this site reflects the status of your driver record as of today. Any additional convictions reported by a court after today could cause additional enforcement actions or fees on your record. We recommend you verify your status on September 1, 2019.

FINES, PAYMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payments made on your surcharge accounts prior to September 1, 2019 will not be refunded. Those payments were collected under the laws in place at the time. This includes Advance Payment on surcharge accounts. The repeal only applies to surcharges and you are still responsible for all other obligations including non-surcharge related suspensions, fines, or fees.

If you have to visit a driver license office, you may be able to get in line prior to going, visit www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp

Applications submitted for the DR Indigency/Incentive Reduction Programs require no action at this time.

For more detailed information on fines and fees, please visit the Department of Public at www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/faqs/index.htm

Additional questions may addressed at DRPRepeal@dps.texas.gov